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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Francoise Vinet et al.
Serial No.: 09/997,605 Art Unit: 1637
Filing Date: November 29, 2001
Title: SOLID SUPPORT FOR IMMOBILIZING
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES
Examiner: Jeffrey Siew
Docket No.: 34176

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.116

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Sir:

The three-month period for responding to the
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appropriate fees. A copy of these documents are enclosed herewith.

In response to the Office action of December 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.